

# CITY OK'S JOBLESS PROGRAM

## Play Bond Rule Set by Council

A policy on park acquisition and development based on passage of the \$3,000,000 bond issue, was adopted by the City Council Tuesday.

The policy is similar to the one adopted when the bond issue was first introduced last fall, except that an area park in Welteria Lake was abandoned.

### South Park

Instead, the Council followed the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission, which urged that a 25-acre site be purchased in South Torrance, and that three additional neighborhood parks be bought in various parts of the city.

As it now stands, the city will spend \$1,000,000 for park development of existing sites, and \$2,000,000 for purchase of additional property.

The policy calls for the following acquisitions:

### List Purchases

At 190th st. and Crenshaw blvd., 25 acres; South Torrance, 25 acres; Civic Center, 15 acres; six acres at 166th st. and Arlington, and at 231st st. and Arlington; 10 acres at 178th st. and Western ave.; 13 acres at South end of Madison st.; 5 acres at 186th and Prairie; in Victor Precinct; Border and Plaza del Amo; and three unspecified locations.

### Two Sessions

Specific recommendations were made by the Commission during two sessions held simultaneously with the Council meeting.

An earlier recommendation to follow the October plan was rejected by the Council.

Both Councilmen Willys Blount and Robert Jahn opposed the grounds that the Welteria Lake area was out of consideration due to its flooded condition.

Jahn said the earlier bond issue was probably defeated because the city had not been specific enough on locations.

## Four Hurt In Oil Mishap

Four men were scalded by hot water during a maintenance operation at the General Petroleum refinery Thursday, but the accident was not connected with the huge plumes of smoke which could be seen for miles.

A. E. Thompson, general manager of the plant, said that a fireman received minor burns during the black smoke episode which was caused by an absorbent liquid getting into the fuel.

The other injuries occurred when workmen were performing maintenance operation on the boiler.

Four pipefitters were scalded by hot water in the accident, two seriously.

Still in San Pedro Community Hospital are W. G. Birkenstock, 1058 Ave. F, Redondo Beach, and A. G. Herrera, 4747 Brooklyn ave., Los Angeles.

Released after receiving first aid treatment were G. O. Arnold, of 1920 Compton blvd., Gardena, and E. R. Ayres, of 1820 Harrison Lane, Redondo Beach, Thompson said.

He explained it was the refinery's first accident since October, and that employees had put in 1,220,000 man-hours without an accident.

## Mayor Sponsors Political Rally for Voters to Meet Candidates for Office

A "new look" in political campaigns will make its first appearance in Torrance next week.

Mayor Albert Isen, a candidate for the office of the first elected Mayor of Torrance, has rented the National Guard Armory at 2505 Cabrillo for Saturday evening, March 29th, and has issued an invitation to all candidates for city offices, their followers and the general public to hold a giant political rally at that time.

"This radical departure from the usual type of political campaigns on my part or on the part of any candidate," said Isen, "is I sincerely believe, almost a necessity if we are to have an informed public voting on Tuesday, April 8th. It is almost impossible because of the city's geographical and population size, for the public to meet

## Library Changes Sought

Plans for the proposed \$31,000 El Retiro Park library branch will require several changes, the Torrance Library Commission recommended Monday.

The plans, drawn by Architect Marion J. Varner, will be submitted to the Hollywood Riviera Art Jury before final recommendations are made to the City Council.

### Hanson Elected

The reorganized group, which was given official status under a new ordinance, which places on the same level as other city commissions, elected William J. Hanson president.

Hanson was recently also elected president of the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association, and resides at 327 Paseo de Gracia.

Mrs. P. E. Humphreys was elected secretary to the board. Other members are Herman L. Mitchell and Mrs. John Crain.

### One Vacancy

A fifth vacancy, caused when the Council changed the board to a commission which prevent Councilman Willys Blount from serving, will have to be filled.

One major decision which looms before the Commission, is to make a decision whether Torrance shall join the County Library District or form its municipal library service.

The County recently notified the city that it will terminate its service contract, which is considerably cheaper than district membership, as of July 1, 1958.

## Speedy Success Reported from Torrance Press

Success from a Torrance Press classified ad was prompt, Arthur H. Disterheft, of 26028 Pennsylvania ave., Lomita, reported.

He inserted his ad, advertising a two-bedroom house for rent in last Thursday's issue. By 9 a.m. Thursday, only a short time after the newspapers were delivered, he had the place rented.

"I had many, many calls, and I'm very pleased with the Torrance Press ad," Disterheft declared.

If you have something to rent buy or sell, call a courteous ad-taker at the Torrance Press, FA 8-2345, for fast results.

## Nominate Commissioner

Nomination of William Hoag, of 21901 Nadeen st., a Torrance High School teacher, to the Torrance Library Commission, was made Tuesday by Mayor Albert Isen.

## Seek Forgetful Thieves

Thieves with a tendency for forgetfulness, broke into the Lomita public library, 24704 Normandie ave., Monday, deputy sheriffs reported.

They said the burglars took a pencil, \$2.60 of postage stamps, but forgot to take a pencil sharpener which they had unscrewed from the wall.

## Rainfall Doubles

A week-end storm dumped another 1.52 inches of rain on Torrance, flooding some streets and threatening buildings with foundation.

The latest storm brought the season's total rainfall to 16.03 inches, almost exactly double the 1957 figure to date, which was 8.01 inches.



**DEAD END**—Body of Jerald Dean Terry is lifted into ambulance after youth was fatally shot by police bullets after youth tried to climb embankment at Pacific Coast hwy. and Roberts rd., as climax to an 85-mile per hour chase.

## Postmaster Defends City Letter Writers Despite Lag in Receipts

Postmaster Clara Connors today came to the defense of Torrance residents as letter writers. They're no worse than those of other cities in keeping up with correspondence, she insisted.

The question came up when the 1957 Post Office report showed that Torrance ranked 43rd in postal receipts of cities in California, Nevada, Hawaii and Guam with \$563,878.

She acknowledged that Torrance's ranking is below that of several other cities with much smaller populations, such as Culver City, Inglewood, Alhambra, Whittier and Beverly Hills.

"Some of our companies do not do as much mailing as those in other cities. And that's what makes the difference in postal receipts," Mrs. Connors explained.

Individual residents are not to blame, they write letters about as much as citizens of cities which show larger receipt totals.

"When we get our new shopping center, you will see a sharp upturn," she predicted.

As it was, Torrance moved up from 49th place it held during 1956.

## Woman Charges Property Used as Tracts Drainage Sump

Harried city officials who pacified irate Southwood residents by chlorinating their sump into which "foreign" water was pumped, today had another problem.

This is in the person of Mrs. Lloyd Lane, 22707 Ocean ave., who wants the city to get rid of the storm water which is near-ly surrounding her home.

She said that since the city has stopped pumping water into the Southwood sump, excess water from nearby dairies and subdivisions, has been inundating her neighborhood.

"I have never, never, seen it this bad," said Mrs. Lane, a resident since 1947.

She said that in past years there had been rain water in the area, but her land was not used as a drainage basin for other areas.

"I figure the city should get the water out some way, even if they carry it out in buckets," Mrs. Lane insisted.

She said part of her property stands three and four feet under water, and she can't get out the back to hang her clothes on the line because of the flood.

The housewife said that her five children all have colds from having to wade through water in order to get home.

The family's horses and goats have already been evacuated because of the high water.

When the city pumped out the area last month, residents of Southwood homes complained because of the odor of the water.

"We've got to put up with the terrible smell until the water evaporates sometime next summer," Mrs. Lane said.

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**STOPPED**—This is the car driven by Jerald Dean Terry, 19, Gardena sailor, who police said endangered lives of a score of people during a wild chase through Redondo Beach and Torrance Sunday morning.

## Police Kill Sailor After Car Chase

Police today awaited an autopsy report to give them a clue into the weird behavior of a sailor who was shot by police after a 70-mph chase during which a score of persons were imperiled.

Jerald Dean Terry, 19, of 15001 Van Ness ave., Gardena, was killed Sunday morning while escaping from Torrance and Redondo Beach police.

He was shot while trying to climb a steep embankment on Pacific Coast Highway near Roberts Road.

### Not Drinking

The furloughed sailor apparently had not been drinking, but police said they found an empty pill bottle in his car.

The six mile chase ended when Terry's car hit the divider island during a wild drive in which he allegedly attempted to strike police cars which were chasing him, and one Redondo Beach unit driven by C. G. Siotella, was disabled.

### Fires Shot

Torrance Policeman Robert Hammond attempted to stop the fleeing sailor by firing one shot at his speeding car.

The sailor zig-zagged on the streets, almost colliding with several oncoming vehicles, and ran at least 12 boulevard stops, officers said.

Hammond, who joined the chase, tried to warn pedestrians who were attending church services of the danger by sounding his siren.

**Losses Control**  
Terry finally lost control of his car after it slammed into a divider on Pacific Coast Highway.

Although the shooting took place in Torrance, the case was handled by Redondo Beach police who started the chase.

An inquest into the death will probably not be held for another week.

## \$3800 Loss In Theft Of Safe

More than \$2000 in cash was missing from the Farmer's Insurance Company office, 2520 Torrance blvd., Tuesday, when burglars rolled the safe away.

In addition to the cash, the strongbox which weighs between 150 and 200 pounds, contained another \$1800 in checks.

The burglary was discovered early Tuesday morning by police as they noticed a door to the office open.

Investigation indicated that the thieves broke into the front door, and then a side door from the inside.

They ransacked all the desks cabinets and found approximately \$300.

Police said the burglars must have struggled quite hard to lift the heavy safe into their car or truck which they had pulled into the driveway alongside the building, according to prints.



**MISSING SAFE**—Torrance Detectives Wally Nitz and Ralph Walker get details on stolen safe from Vincent B. Hobson, center, manager of Farmer's Insurance Company, which was victim of a burglary Monday.

## Isen Program Gets Support of Unions

Members of three unions and the Junior Chamber of Commerce gave their backing to an anti-recession program adopted by the City Council Tuesday.

The resolution sponsored by Mayor Albert Isen, requested Torrance industry and business to give preference to Torrance residents in their hiring program.

### Take Action

"It occurred to me that we shouldn't sit around and wait for Washington to do something. Our economic life depends on money being spent here. Something of this sort should start at home," Isen said.

The resolution, which was approved by unanimous vote, received the backing of spokesmen for three unions, the Carpenter's, Operating Engineers and the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers, as well as the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The program calls on the local industry, businesses, the Chamber of Commerce and unions, to give job preference to Torrance residents.

### Prevent Slump

The resolution stressed that action is needed to prevent the recession from becoming a depression, and notes that Torrance residents have been laid off from their jobs.

Isen said that this program should do on a local level what the Federal and State governments are attempting to do through public works or tax-cutting programs.

## Four Injured in Week-end Crashes

Four persons were injured in three week-end traffic accidents, police reported.

Mrs. Ruth Viola Wilkinson, 38, of 4618 W. 170th st., and a passenger, Earl Gregory, suffered injuries when Mrs. Wilkinson's car crashed with another one at Hawthorne and Sepulveda blvds.

The other machine was driven by Ruby Hale Field, 60, of 1600 Espinosa Circle, officers said.

In a collision at Western ave. near 209th st., Elsie Davidson Callis, 41, of 4575 W. 170th st., was injured. Her auto collided with one driven by Max David Benton, 16, of 2107 Gramercy pl., police said.

In a third crash at Meyer lane and Rindge ave., Tom Richard Villareal, 32, of 510 Elena st., Redondo Beach, was injured. His car collided with a machine driven by Cosme Fernandez, 66, of 20712 S. Western ave., police said.

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## Townhall Meet Will Feature D.A. McKesson

District Attorney William B. McKesson will address the Torrance Coordinating Council at a Townhall meeting to be held April 16 in the Civic Auditorium.

He will speak on juvenile delinquency.

Councilman Nicholas O. Dralle addressed the March 5 meeting on a proposal for a four-year college in Torrance or the South Bay area. He will give a complete report on the subject at the next meeting, April 2.

Working on plans for the Townhall meeting will be a committee composed of Mrs. Vickie Feldon, Harry B. Van Bellehem, H. G. Stephens, J. A. Beasley, Mrs. Virginia Lamour and Mrs. G. Orsini.

## Girl, 14, Injured in Trailer Blast

A 14-year-old girl was burned yesterday morning when the butane gas stove in a trailer exploded.

Torrance firemen are still investigating the cause of the blast which injured Paulette Holcombe.

Damage to the house trailer which was parked in a trailer court at 1900 W. 174th st. was estimated at \$100.

The girl suffered first degree burns to her right hand and arm and face. Her mother, Mrs. Paul Holcombe, wife of a Marine captain stationed in Barstow, escaped unharmed.

## U. S. Aid for Drain Sought

Application for federal funds to solve Torrance's drainage problems will be studied by the Planning Commission on instructions from the City Council.

Mayor Albert Isen urged that the city find out if it can obtain money from urban redevelopment funds to solve the Welteria Lake inundation and possibly other areas in the city.

### Ask Study

Although Councilman Nicholas O. Dralle questioned whether Welteria Lake could be considered a "blighted" area eligible for such funds, he and other Councilmen referred the project to the planners for study.

"Urban redevelopment refers to slum areas, and we don't have any," Dralle asserted.

A move by him and Councilman Willys Blount to table the matter was defeated.

Isen said that he did not know whether this is the solution to the problem but urged that the method be tried.

### Asks Drain

J. A. Beasley, a candidate for City Council asked that the city go on record as opposing the proposed county-wide bond issue for drainage, unless it includes relief for the Welteria area.

His request as well as two other complaints for flood relief were referred to the public works department for recommendation.

Complaints of flooding in the Paseo de Gracia area was made by Frank Bartley, while John Parker, of 4602 New Com st., urged the city do something about sand flowing down the hill side.

A \$36,000 damage claim by the Hollywood Riviera Club was denied and referred to the city's insurance carrier.

## 27 Selected for Bank of America Scholar Awards

Twenty-seven Torrance and North High School students have won in the first round of the Bank of America achievements awards program.

The contest winners will receive scholarship prize ranging to \$1000.

Awards cover practically all high school subjects, vocational arts, liberal arts, fine arts, science and mathematics.

Gold Trophy winners from Torrance High School are Thomas Lee Carter, 3256 Delemed st.; Richard Ryon, 815 Calle de Arboles; and Anita Louise Wood, 24607 Madison st.

Torrance High certificate winners are: David Loyd Burdick, 1407 Coia st.; Thomas Lee Carter, 3256 Delemed st.; William Colby, 4913 Louise ave.; Bruce Blelefeit, 256 Paseo de Granada; H. G. Stephens, J. A. Beasley, Mrs. Virginia Lamour and Mrs. G. Orsini.

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North High gold trophy winners are Ronald Gene Heinster, 4322 W. 173rd st.; Lee James Ruecker, 2702 W. 181st st.; William Richard Lee, 3143 W. 179th st.; Patricia Sue Kimble, 17103 Wilkie ave.

North High certificate winners are Glenn Yoshio Yokoyama, 3901 W. 182nd st.; Ronald Gene Heinster, Lee James Ruecker, Sylvia Nancy Chase, 17003 Osage ave.; William Richard Lee, Marjorie Ormiston Towle, 17575 Yukon ave.; Judy Ann Nelson, 17004 Ardath ave.; Patricia Sue Kimble, Elyrs Mae Davenport, 1900 W. 174th st.; and Robert Eris Merry, 2200 Mathews ave.